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BLOC LABOR CONFERENCE HELD, PROTOCOL SIGNED

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[Text] Budapest, April 28, (MTI)--The 10th conference of the CMEA members' labour ministers and senior officials charged with affairs of labour ended Friday night in Budapest with the signing of a protocol. The conference was presided over by Hungarian Minister of Labor Ferenc Trethon.

The conferees established that cooperation in labour, wage and social issues between the state labour organs of the CMEA members was developing favourably. They heard the reports of the heads of the state labour organs of the CMEA members in which they surveyed the major labour and social measures and their experiences carried out in the respective countries last year.

Apart from the above topics the participants discusssed the achievements of the cooperations between scientific and research institutes of labour, and set further tasks.

The delegation leaders were received by Istvan Huszar, member of the HSWP Political Committee and vice chairman of the Council of Ministers.

BRIEFS

CEMA SESSION ON INVENTIONS--The cooperation among CEMA countries in the field of legislation to protect inventions and technical improvements is steadily expanding. A session of the working group of legal experts in this field opened in Sofia today. The session will be working to implement the plan which was developed by the conference of CEMA member countries' department heads concerned with inventions and technical improvements. The legal experts will discuss the question of adopting a standard law on inventions and other problems pertaining to this subject. [Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1030 GMT 3 May 78 AU]

CEMA OIL PROCESSING SESSION--A CEMA conference opened in Pleven today to discuss questions of oil processing. The conference will last 3 days. The delegates will have the opportunity to visit the Pleven petrochemical plant. [Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1030 GMT 3 May 78 AU]

TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ARRIVES IN VARNA

AU031331Y Sofia BTA in English 1303 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Varna, May 3 (BTA)--The Turkish Prime Minister Mr Bulent Ecevit and his wife arrived in the Bulgarian coastal city of Varna today.

He is invited to pay a friendly and businesslike visit to Bulgaria by Mr Todor Zhivkov, the Bulgarian State Council president, with whom Mr Ecevit will have talks on bilateral and some international issues.

Mr Bulent Ecevit is accompanied by: Mr Gunduz Okcun, minister of foreign affairs; Mr Hikmet Cetin, minister of state; Mr Igit Gulydksuz, state undersecretary of peasants' and cooperative matters and Mr Pihsan Pekeruzg, deputy state undersecretary at the Ministry of Communications.

At the airport of Varna the guests were met by Mr Todor Zhivkov, president of the State Council, and his daughter Mrs Lyudmila Zhivkova, by Mr Peter Mladenov, minister of foreign affairs; Mr Andrey Lukanov, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers; leaders in the county of Varna and other officials.

The business programme of the Turkish prime minister starts this afternoon with a meeting with his host Mr Todor Zhivkov. It is also scheduled that during his visit here, Mr Bulent Ecevit will be shown round several major industrial projects in the city of Stara Zagora.

This is Mr Bulent Ecevit's third visit to Bulgaria, but his first as prime minister. He has visited Bulgaria twice as a leader of the Republican People's Party at the invitation of Bulgaria's most numerous public and political organization, the Fatherland Front.

In the past ten years the state leaders of Bulgaria and Turkey have met seven times at various occasions. Their foreign ministers, too, have exchanged seven visits.

Zhivkov, Ecevit Begin Talks

AU031655Y Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1630 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Official talks between Todor Zhivkov, State Council chairman, and Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's prime minister started today at the Eksinovgrad official residence.

The following persons are taking part in the talks on the Bulgarian side: Petur Mladenov, minister of foreign affairs; Andrey Lukanov, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers; and Vladimir Grunchavor, Bulgarian ambassador to Turkey.

The following persons are participating in the talks on the Turkish side: Gunduz Okcun, minister of foreign affairs; Hikmet Cetin, minister of state; and Ecmel Barutcu, Turkish ambassador to Bulgaria.

Talks Continue, Dinner Hosted

AU031905Y Sofia BTA in English 1840 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Varna, May 3 (BTA)--The talks between the president of the Bulgarian State Council, Mr Todor Zhivkov, and the Turkish prime-minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, began in the Bulgarian Black sea town of Varna this afternoon.

On the Bulgarian side in the talks are taking part also Mr Petur Mladenov, minister of foreign affairs; Mr Andrey Lukanov, deputy-chairman of the Council of Ministers and experts. The Turkish delegation, led by Mr Ecevit, includes also Mr Gunduz Okcun, minister of foreign affairs; State Minister Hikmet Cetin and senior officials from various Turkish ministries.

After the conclusion of the first cycle of the talks tonight it was announced that the two sides had in a friendly and constructive atmosphere discussed questions connected with the development of friendly relations between Bulgaria and Turkey. A wide range of political, economic and cultural questions were discussed, as well as some topical problems of the international situation.

Mr Ecevit arrived here today on a friendly business visit at the invitation of Bulgaria's head of state, Mr Zhivkov.

Tonight Mr Zhivkov is giving an official dinner for his distinguished guest.

Before leaving for Bulgaria Prime Minister Ecevit declared before journalists in Ankara that "the relations of friendship and cooperation between Turkey and Bulgaria have scored great progress in the past few years. I am convinced that this process is of benefit both for the two countries and for peace in the Balkans and the world."

"I will be happy if during my visit I can contribute to a new ascending development of cooperation between the two neighboring and friendly countries."

POLISH MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARRIVES

AU031303Y Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1030 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] At the invitation of Col Gen Dimitur Stoyanov, minister of internal affairs, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, Politburo member of the PZPR Central Committee and minister of internal affairs of the Polish People's Republic, arrived on a friendly visit in Sofia today.

ZAREV RECEIVES USSR STATE PLANNING OFFICIAL

AU031304Y Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1030 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Kiril Zarev, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and chairman of the State Planning Committee, received and had a talk with (Nikolay Talolkov), deputy chairman of the USSR State Planning Committee, in Sofia today.

FINANCIAL CONTROL ORGANS HOLD CONFERENCE

AU030850Y Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 0830 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] A national conference with the control organs of the state financial control opened in Varna today. For a period of 2 weeks the activities of the "revision of budget departments, organizations and people's councils' administration will be assessed for the 1977 period and basic trends of financial control for 1978 will be outlined. These trends arise from the decisions of the 11th BCP Congress, from the decisions of the July plenum of the BCP Central Committee and from the decisions of the national party conference, as well as from joint decision number one adopted by the BCP Central Committee and the Council of Ministers on 10 January 1977 in connection with perfecting and developing the control system in our country.

BRIEFS

MIKHAYLOV'S ACTIVITIES REPORTED--Ivan Mikhaylov, BCP Central Committee Politburo member and State Council member, on 27 April attended the commissioning of seven new facilities in Mikhaylovgrad. Among them: a soft drink plant, an electric stabilizer plant, a meat processing plant, and so forth. [Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1830 GMT 27 Apr 78 AU]

KUBADINSKI'S ACTIVITIES REPORTED--Pencho Kubadinski, BCP Central Committee Politburo member and chairman of the Fatherland Front National Council, on 27 April visited Dobrudzha area. Accompanied by Silistra Okrug party and state leaders, he was briefed on the development of cattle breeding in Dobrudzha. [Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian 1830 GMT 27 Apr 78 AU]

MOSCOW DAYS IN SOFIA--The "Moscow Days" will be held in Sofia from 19-26 May 1978. This is a great political event and represents a continuation of the tradition established in April 1977, when "Sofia Days" were organized in Moscow. Our capital is preparing for a great, new demonstration of Bulgarian-Soviet friendship. The "Days" will open on 19 May 1978 at the Universiada Hall with a great rally and festive concert, in which artistic groups from Moscow and Bulgaria will participate. [Text] [Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian 30 Apr 78 AU]

SOFIA-ISTANBUL RADIO RELAY--A radio relay station with a capacity of 1,800 channels, three radiophonic channels and one television program channel has been established between the cities of Sofia and Istanbul. This has contributed in particular to the modernization of long-distance communications between the two countries. In order to accelerate the exchange of letters between the two countries a direct postal car [for Sofia] is expected to be commissioned on the Istanbul-Belgrade-Munich railroad route. [Text] [Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian 30 Apr 78 AU]

HUSAK SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF CZECH MINISTER

LD051946Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech 1750 GMT 5 May 78 LD

[Text] Gustav Husak, general secretary of the CPCz Central Committee and president of the republic, has sent a letter of condolence to Comrade Andela Svacinova on behalf of the CPCz Central Committee and on his own behalf. In the letter he conveyed profound condolences on the death of her husband, Comrade Oldrich Svacina, candidate member of the CPCz Central Committee, deputy of the Czech National Council and Czech minister of industry. He stated in the letter that we will always remember with respect the communist Oldrich Svacina, who devoted all his strength to the party and to the development of our socialist society.

POLAND'S JAGIELSKI ARRIVES FOR COOPERATION MEETING

Received by Strougal

LD031530Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech and Slovak 1200 GMT 5 May 78 LD

[Text] Federal Premier Lubomir Strougal received in the Hrzan Palace in Prague today Mieczyslaw Jagielski, first deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic. Both statesmen paid tribute to the results achieved in the development of the all-round economic cooperation between Czechoslovakia and Poland which has been reflected in an obvious increase of mutual foreign trade. They paid great attention to questions connected with long-term economic relations. Mieczyslaw Jagielski is in Czechoslovakia to attend a working meeting of chairmen of both parts of the Czechoslovak-Polish Committee for Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation.

Attends Committee Session

LD051945Y Bratislava Domestic Service in Slovak 0600 GMT 5 May 78 LD

[Text] A working meeting of chairmen of both parts of the Czechoslovak-Polish Committee for Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation--Rudolf Rohlicek, deputy federal premier, and Mieczyslaw Jagielski, first deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic--was held yesterday at the Kolodeje State Castle in Prague. During the talks, both sides discussed the results achieved so far in the development of mutual economic cooperation and briefed each other on the topical tasks in the implementation of conclusions of the economic development of Czechoslovakia and Poland set by the 15th CPCz Congress and the 7th PZPR Congress.

Received by Hula

LD031954Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech 1130 GMT 5 May 78 LD

[Text] Vaclav Hula, member of the CPCz Central Committee Presidium, deputy federal premier and chairman of the State Planning Commission, received today Mieczyslaw Jagielski, first deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic. During the meeting the two representatives briefed each other on topical questions of economic cooperation between Czechoslovakia and Poland and about the possibilities for its further deepening and development.

Departs 3 May

LD032102Y Prague CTK in English 1805 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Prague, May 3, CETEKA--Polish First Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski, who attended a working session of chairmen of both sections of the Czechoslovak-Polish Committee for Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, left here for home today.

CHNOUPEK'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO JORDAN REPORTED

Received by Prime Minister

LD031326Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech and Slovak 1000 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Bohuslav Chnoupek, Czechoslovak minister of foreign affairs, who is on an official visit in Jordan, was received today by Mudar Badran, prime minister, minister of foreign affairs and minister of defense.

Yesterday, Minister Chnoupek began talks in Amman with Hasan Ibrahim, minister of state for foreign affairs, about the further development of the relations between Czechoslovakia and Jordan. Both ministers focused on the deepening of political contacts, the broadening of cultural and trade exchanges and scientific cooperation.

Jordanian Reportage

For Amman Domestic Service reportage on the arrival of Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chnoupek in Amman and his subsequent talks with Jordanian officials, see the 4 May, and following issues, of the Middle East & North Africa DAILY REPORT.

FURTHER REPORTAGE ON CSSR, SOVIET COSMONAUTS

Greeted by Kapek

LD031730Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech 1030 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Excerpt] Cosmonauts Vladimir Remek, Yuriy Romanenko, Georgiy Grechko, Aleksey Gubarev, Vladimir Shatalov, commander of the Gagarin training center for cosmonauts and twice Hero of the Soviet Union and Oldrich Pelcak, member of the standby crew of Soyuz-28 and bearer of the Order of the Red Badge, started their day today with a visit to the Prague enterprise CKD-Kompresory.

The cosmonauts were greeted at the plant by Antonin Kapek, member of the CPCZ Central Committee Presidium and chief secretary of the Prague CPCZ City Committee; Zdenek Pucek, minister of metallurgy and heavy engineering; Rudolf Rychecky, director general of the CKD plant, and representatives of Prague No 9 Borough.

Meet With Party Leaders

LD031324Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech 1030 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Excerpt] Viliam Salgovic, member of the CPSL Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the Slovak National Council, arranged a friendly meeting in Bratislava yesterday in honor of cosmonauts Vladimir Remek, Yuriy Romanenko, Georgiy Grechko and Aleksey Gubarev and Vladimir Shatalov, commander of the cosmonaut's training.

It was attended by members of the CPCZ Central Committee Presidium Jozef Lenart, first secretary of the CPSL Central Committee, and Peter Colotka, Slovak premier; Miloslav Hruskovic, candidate member of the CPCZ Central Committee Presidium and secretary of the CPSL Central Committee; Josef Havlin, secretary of the CPCZ Central Committee; and other representatives of our political and public life.

Soviets Depart 3 May

LD031731Y Prague Domestic Service in Czech 1430 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Heroes of the USSR and Czechoslovakia, cosmonauts Yuriy Romanenko, Georgiy Grechko and Aleksey Gubarev, and Vladimir Shatalov, commander of the Gagarin training center for cosmonauts, twice hero of the Soviet Union, ended their visit to Czechoslovakia this afternoon.

At the festively decorated Ruzyne Airport in Prague the Soviet cosmonauts were seen off by Lubomir Strougal, member of the CPCZ Central Committee Presidium and federal premier, and other members of the party Presidium; representatives of political parties and organizations of the National Front; representatives of the bodies of the capital city, the Czechoslovak People's Army, the Central Group of Soviet Forces in Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Embassy, headed by Vladimir Matskevich, ambassador of the USSR.

Cosmonauts Grechko, Romanenko, Gubarev and Shatalov were also seen off by our first cosmonaut, Vladimir Remek, and Oldrich Pelcak, member of the standby crew of Soyuz-28. The Soviet guests, space heroes, received an enthusiastic reception from hundreds of people of the capital city of Prague.

TALKS BETWEEN CSSR, VATICAN DELEGATIONS NOTED

AU0313l2Y Bratislava ROLNICKE NOVINY in Slovak 29 Apr 78 p 2 AU

[CTK report: "Talks in Prague"]

[Text] CTK, Prague--Talks between the CSSR Government delegation led by K. Hruza, head of the Secretariat for Church Affairs at the CSSR Government Presidium office, and the delegation from the Vatican led by Archbishop Msgr. L. Poggi, apostolic nuncio with special mission, took place in Prague in the past few days.

RUDE PRAVO LINKS CIA WITH TERRORIST ACTS

LD031116Y Prague CTK in English 0956 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Prague, May 3, CETEKA--"...Our communist party just as the whole communist movement unequivocally rejects terrorism however cruel representatives of the capital it acts of violence may afflict. [as received] The more so when its victims are realistic bourgeois politicians such as Aldo Moro", the Czechoslovak Communist Party daily RUDE PRAVO writes today.

The daily comments on the slanderous accusation that Czechoslovakia helped the so-called Red Brigades and other West European terrorist groups, on the basis of which the U.S. administration is said to have decided to investigate whether there exists "a connection between the agencies of the Soviet bloc and the Italian terrorist group which kidnapped Aldo Moro", as the New York TIMES wrote.

"According to the well known principle [few words indistinct] offender must always be sought where someone may benefit from a deed", the daily says.

According to the British bulletin FOREIGN REPORT, at a high level of the Italian Government, China is mentioned as the most probable power which might grant financial and organizational assistance to the "Red Brigades", since "the Peking leadership is deeply concerned over the growing influence of communists in the Italian Government which might undermine the country's membership in NATO," RUDE PRAVO writes.

"Washington has the same concern...the facts how the U.S. CIA tried to interfere in Italy's internal affairs before the elections in 1976, and not only by financing several political officials, are well known", the daily writes.

RUDE PRAVO points out that the actions of these terrorist groups are characteristic of the CIA, and writes in this connection that the investigation of the CIA activity in 1975 confirmed its participation in the assassination of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic and Patrice Lumumba in the Congo, just plans [as received] to assassinate Fidel Castro.

"It is also a well known fact that it organized the assassination of Chilean general Rene Schneider who stood in the way of the fascist coup, and that it participated in the assassination of Martin Luther King, and that this is not by far the end of the list of its terrorist crimes", the daily concludes.

ITALIAN PAPER CITES DEBATE ON PRAGUE SPRING

LD031249Y Milan L'UNITA in Italian 1 May 78 p 2 LD

[Ennio Elena report: "Comparison of Ideas on Prague 68"]

[Text] Milan--"Prague 1968: A Lesson for Socialism"--this was the theme of the meeting held on Saturday and yesterday at the Bocconi University on the initiative of the working people's movement for socialism. It was a debate which produced two distinct alinements: on the one hand, the members of the above movement accused the supporters of the "Prague Spring" of 10 years ago of trying to provide a "bourgeois response" to the Czechoslovak economic crisis of the 1960's and of advancing "profoundly discredited, Eurocentrist" ideas while ignoring "more advanced kinds of experience"--errors which "also repudiate Charter 77," which was "condemned" as an expression of demands bearing the liberal-democratic stamp. To put it briefly, and for ease of explanation, these were charges of "Rightism"; and on the other hand, there were some of the protagonists of the "spring," who reiterated the significance of that "lesson," with its positive aspects, its errors and the ideological legacy of an experiment brutally interrupted, an experiment which cannot and must not be consigned to the status of a memory, but a socialist "lesson" for anyone who believes in socialism.

In substance, the speakers from the working people's movement for socialism "explained" to the Czechoslovaks "how" socialism and, moreover, "the phase of transition to socialism" must be understood, reasserting among other things a clear counterposing of the state and civil society which, being the prisoner of dogma and of a distorted view of reality, ignores, above all, the changes which have occurred in the last 30 years in Italy, the wealth of articulation which democratic life in our country has assumed and the fact--which is decisive--that, since the resistance, on the basis of the constitution and as a result of their struggles and their successes, the Italian working people do not oppose themselves to the state as the "plebs" did 50 years ago.

Jiri Pelikan, who was a member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party Central Committee and a deputy and director of the television service, said: "We remained in the party precisely because we believed it was the only sphere through which the errors could be overcome. The 'spring' did not fall from heaven but was the outcome of a long period of reflection." Reflection in the economic sphere, on the democratization of the state, on the role of science and of intellectuals. "Certainly," he added, "we were weak because we lacked a united program; but it was very difficult to elaborate and defend such a program under those conditions." With the election of Dubcek as party [first] secretary, broad scope was opened up for renewal.

Zdenek Mlynar, former secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party Central Committee and signatory of Charter 77, reaffirmed: "We did not want to open the doors to forces which wished for the destruction of the system. We wanted to find in practice the path which the working class could follow to resolve its problems. We insisted on 'bourgeois' freedoms as a point of departure because we wanted society to be able to express its opinions."

In substance, in his speech on Saturday (and in a reply yesterday which served to reaffirm the differences expressed during the debate) Mlynar explained that the "spring was an attempt to surmount a serious crisis" and to surmount it while firmly preserving the socialist character of the society, starting by reestablishing the fundamental freedoms "as a point of departure" toward a different articulation of socialist democracy.

The economist Fisera recalled the development of the workers' councils following the "spring" and the intervention by the USSR and the other Warsaw Pact countries and also the fact that, despite the errors and deviations, 52 per cent of those elected to the councils were communists.

The topic on which Pelikan, Mlynar and the other Czechoslovak comrades insisted above all was this: the relationship which exists between the exercise of fundamental freedoms, the articulation of democracy, popular participation, and the development of socialism.

Slightly surprising was the fact that, in this debate on one of the decisive questions in contemporary society (socialist or otherwise), Giorgio Benvenuto, secretary general of the Italian Labor Union, hinted only at a denunciation of "the danger that in Italy, with such a broad parliamentary majority, dissent could be made a crime."

BRIEFS

BOHEMIA FLOOD DAMAGE--A spring storm near Golcuv Jenikov in the Havlickuv Brod district caused floods damaging the railroad between the Josefodol and Sazavka railway stations. The water also flooded the warehouse of the Bohemia enterprise in Josefodol and caused severe damages in local agriculture and local communications. [Prague ZEMEDELSKE NOVINY in Czech 2 May 78 p 3 AU]

ROADS IN SLOVAKIA--Slovakia has more than 17,000 kms of roads; some 40 percent of the roads as well as 969 bridges do not, however, meet modern traffic requirements. A total of 300 kms of expressways are to be built in Slovakia by the year 2000. [Bratislava SMENA in Slovak 28 Apr 78 p 1 AU]

HONECKER RECEIVES 'PERSONAL MESSAGE' FROM SHAH

LD031448Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1300 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Berlin--Erich Honecker, general secretary of the SED Central Committee and chairman of the GDR State Council, today received Amir Hoseyn Farzanegan, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Empire of Iran, in Berlin. Ambassador Farzanegan handed over a personal message from Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, shahanshah of Iran, to the chairman of the State Council. Erich Honecker thanked him for the message. In the course of the talk, attended by Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer and held in an open atmosphere they discussed questions pertaining to the development of relations between the GDR and the Empire of Iran.

DEFENSE MINISTER HOFFMANN ON 1-DAY VISIT TO ALGERIA

For Algiers reportage on GDR Defense Minister Heinz Hoffmann's 2 May visit to Algeria, see the North Africa section of the 2 May and 4 May issues of the Middle East & North Africa DAILY REPORT.

HOFFMANN RECEIVED BY GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER

LD032136Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1938 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Conakry--Heinz Hoffmann, member of the SED Central Committee Politburo and GDR minister of national defense was received by Louis Lansana Beauvogui, prime minister of the Republic of Guinea, in Conakry on Wednesday. The two sides expressed their satisfaction at the positive development of the relations between the GDR and Guinea so far. Heinz Hoffmann emphasized the GDR's firm determination to continue to support the Government and people of Guinea in their hard struggle to overcome the colonial and feudal legacy. Prime Minister Beauvogui paid tribute to the support which Guinea has received from the GDR from the first day of its independence.

Earlier, the GDR delegation had placed wreaths at the monument of the martyrs fallen in the defense against the imperialist aggression of 1970 and at the mausoleum of the heroes of the people of Guinea. This was followed by the opening of the official negotiations between the two sides.

HERRMANN ADDRESSES MARXIST THEORETICIANS' CONFERENCE

LD032042Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1650 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Excerpt] Berlin: A scientific conference on the occasion of the 160th anniversary of the birthday of Karl Marx opened at the "Karl Marx" party college of the SED Central Committee in Berlin today. About 180 participants from the GDR and other socialist countries, representatives of communist parties from capitalist foreign countries and national revolutionary organizations from Latin America, Africa and Arab states will deliberate until Friday on the socialist revolution in the GDR as the implementation of Karl Marx's theoretical legacy.

Joachim Herrmann, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the SED Central Committee, delivered the opening address. He stressed that paying tribute to Karl Marx meant a permanent challenge to solve the tasks of the continued implementation of the decisions of the Ninth SED Congress vigorously, realistically, constructively and creatively. "By carrying on the socialist revolution in this spirit in the first German workers and peasants state--the GDR--we shall be doing full justice to the historic greatness of Karl Marx."

Joachim Herrmann stressed that in the GDR the universally valid principles of Marxism-Leninism are applied to the specific conditions of social development. "Our policy of the main task for the benefit of the working class and the entire people, is based on the teachings of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and V.I. Lenin. By continuing consistently and undeterred the line of the unity of economic and social policy, further consolidating the workers and peasants power and constantly developing and fully utilizing the scientific and intellectual cultural potential of our society we are translating the Marxist-Leninist theory of revolution into reality."

The lesson of the history of the entire revolutionary movement as indeed the history of the SED was that, in the present era, the historic work of the working class could be accomplished only along the path shown by Marx, Engels and Lenin. "He who says 'yes' to Marx, to the unadulterated Marx, must today say 'yes' to Marxism-Leninism," the speaker said. He voiced the GDR's complete endorsement and support of the recent disarmament initiatives of the USSR put forward by Leonid Brezhnev.

TISCH ADDRESSES FDGB WRITERS MEETING

LD032242Y East Berlin Domestic Service in German 2100 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Members of the FDGB Central Executive and prominent GDR writers met for an exchange of experiences in Berlin today. The friendly discussion, which was chaired by Harry Tisch, chairman of the FDGB Central Executive, centered on questions of the further deepening of cooperation. A few weeks before the Eighth Writers' Congress, Harry Tisch spoke of the close links between the trade unions and the writers and artists as fellow fighters of the working class. Among those present were writers Hermann Kant, Helmut Jakowski, Erik Neutsch, Benito Wogatzki, Paul Wiens, Guenter Goerlich and Irmtraud Morgner. Prof Johanna Toeffer, deputy chairman of the FDGB Central Executive, and Gerhard Henniger, first secretary of the writers union, also attended.

Harry Tisch informed the writers about the many creative initiatives of the working people in preparation for the 30th anniversary of the GDR and drew attention to their increased cultural requirements. Over 1 million workers are regular users of the trade union libraries. In the interest of still more effective cooperation the chairman of the FDGB Central Executive proposed that meetings of this kind should be held regularly in the future. He also suggested that the GDR writers union and the Johannes R. Becher Institute of Literature in Leipzig should give graduates sponsorship grants and assign them to an enterprise for a year. There the budding writers would find subjects close to reality and at the same time work as literature propagandists. The Tribuene publishing house should devote itself more than it has in the past to the publication of imaginative literature. Talented worker-writers should be given purposeful encouragement.

Harry Tisch also announced that the Tribuene publishing house plans to publish an anthology of penportraits and life stories of outstanding working people. The constructive proposals were welcomed by many writers during the discussion. Erik Neutsch, for instance, cited his own work as an example of the vital necessity for GDR writers to work alongside the working class.

HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES IN GDR

LD031136Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1027 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Berlin--Hungarian Foreign Minister Frigyes Puja arrived for a friendly visit in the GDR today. At Berlin-Schoenefeld airport he was cordially welcomed by Oskar Fischer, GDR Ambassador in Hungary Gerhard Reinert and Hungarian Ambassador in the GDR Dr Matyas Szuros were also present.

LANGE ATTENDS DUTCH AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION

LD031436Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1311 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Berlin--Andrianus van der Maade, ambassador of the Netherlands in the GDR, gave a reception in Berlin today to mark the birthday of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. It was attended by Inge Lange, candidate member of the SED Politburo, Erich Goldenbaum, deputy chairman of the State Council, and other personalities.

UK DEFENSE CHIEF RAPPED FOR PEKING REMARKS

DW031033Y East Berlin Voice of the GDR Domestic Service in German 1505 GMT 2 May 78 DW

[Klaus Schmautz commentary]

[Text] Following a series of visits by British military leaders to Peking, the chief of the London General Staff currently is staying in the Chinese capital. During his visit not only did he negotiate on the possibility of delivering fighter planes and missiles, but the highest ranking British general, Sir Cameron, also formulated spectacular political principles. This has resulted in a domestic controversy in London. Our correspondent Klaus Schmautz reports the details from London.

[Schmautz] The chief of Her Majesty's Defense Staff, who had been authorized by Whitehall to discuss questions of military philosophy, pursued hard daily politics by making the scandalous statement that the two of us, Great Britain and China, have the same enemy whose capital is Moscow. London's principal general further fraternized with his hosts by saying that we must share our military experiences to be in the best possible position vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. Taken at face value this would be tantamount to a new formulation of British foreign policy. Prior to the departure of the chief of staff, Foreign Secretary Owen had declared that improved relations with China must in no case be at the expense of the Anglo-Soviet relationship. After all, in Helsinki the signature of the British prime minister is (?directly beside) that of the Soviet head of state.

The foreign office values good relations with Moscow as a core element of a pragmatically pursued foreign policy. Not even in times of cold war, the London press writes today, has an official of England adopted such an embarrassing language vis-a-vis a socialist country. Norman Atkinson, a leading member of the Labor Party, like many other members of the House of Commons demanded the immediate discharge of the air marshal. This, said the GUARDIAN, would be a logical step in accordance with Anglo-American practice.

To this hour there has not been any official, definite reaction from Whitehall. There are just a few attempts at interpretation from the government quarter which, however, elicit more questions than answers. Foreign Secretary Owen once again asserted the principle that the relations with Moscow must not suffer from the relations with Peking. But apart from that he deferred to the competence of Secretary of State for Defense Mulley.

Observers in London and in the Soviet capital advanced the view that only a clarifying word from Prime Minister Callaghan could shed more light on the affair--or whatever one might consider this. The following questions are asked in political quarters: Should this matter be regarded as a faux pas of a military hotspur? This, dear listeners, is being asked rather rhetorically, for everybody knows, after all, that the military number one, which the general is considered to be in this country, as a rule conforms to government positions.

As long as London remains silent there will be justified suspicion with respect to the validity of the British policy toward the Soviet Union which is characterized as friendly. Finally, and this is the last worried question, advanced by Labor Party Treasurer Atkinson: Could it be that the air marshal attempted to torpedo the disarmament negotiations which are now in progress?

GDR, FRG SIGN AGREEMENT ON ECKER DAM, WATER SUPPLY

FRG To Maintain Dam

LD031330Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1038 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Berlin--An agreement to settle questions pertaining to the Eckertal Dam and the Ecker long-distance water supply was signed in Berlin today. It was signed on behalf of the GDR Government by the head of the GDR delegation to the GDR-FRG border commission, Ambassador Karl Kormes, and for the FRG Government by the head of the FRG Government delegation, Ministerialdirigent Dr Guenther Pagel. Under the agreement the FRG is permitted to use and maintain the sections of the Ecker Dam situated on GDR territory.

At the 40th session of the border commission which met the same day in Berlin agreement was reached on a general distribution of the Ecker long-distance water supply. The 41st session of the border commission is to meet in Gera (GDR) 17-18 May.

Financial Arrangements Listed

LD031334Y Hamburg DPA in German 1142 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Excerpt] East Berlin--The delegation leaders of the joint border commission of the FRG and GDR signed an agreement today in East Berlin on the use of the Ecker Dam situated in the border region. This secures by treaty the water supplies for numerous towns in northern Germany for at least 30 years. The Western side will pay an annual flat-rate of DM100,000 to East Berlin for using drinking water from the dam and for utilizing water pipes which run partly through the GDR.

During a brief ceremony in the GDR ministrial building, the leaders of the delegations welcomed the conclusion of the agreement on behalf of their governments. The head of the Bonn delegation, Ministerialdirigent Guenther Pagel, stated that the Federal Government believes "that other difficult questions could be settled by the border commission if what can be resolved is placed in the foreground." GDR representative Ambassador Karl Kormes stressed that the East Berlin Government in signing this agreement expressed the hope that "other unresolved questions will be settled in a similar constructive spirit." The unsettled questions in the border commission include the question of the exact course of the border on the Elbe between Lauenberg and Schnakkenburg. The agreement on the Ecker Dam in the Harz is the fifth intra-German government agreement to be worked out by the border commission.

FINNISH DELEGATION BEGINS TALKS, VISITS DRESDEN

LD032203Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1943 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Berlin--A delegation of the Finnish Social Democratic Party led by its secretary Ulf Sundquist and an SED delegation led by Hermann Axen, member of the Politburo and secretary of the SED Central Committee, began negotiations in Berlin on Wednesday. The talks will continue on Friday.

Later on Wednesday the delegation, which is in the GDR at the invitation of the SED Central Committee, arrived in Dresden. The guests, who will spend 2 days in the bezirk, which is well known for its industry and art treasures, were warmly welcomed by Hans Modrow, member of the SED Central Committee and first secretary of the Dresden Bezirk SED Executive. Modrow informed the delegation that 12.5 percent of the GDR's entire industrial output comes from Dresden Bezirk. Its colleges, research institutes and academies employ 18 percent of all GDR scientists and experts. The Finnish Social Democrats also visited the old masters art gallery.

SPOKESMAN ATTACKS LIFTING OF BAN ON ZANU, ZAPU

LD032050Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1437 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Maputo--ADN correspondent--A spokesman of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front in Maputo today condemned a fresh maneuver of the so-called Rhodesian Interim Government which is intended to split the patriotic forces and include them in the "internal settlement." Yesterday, the "Executive Council" in Salisbury, which apart from racist-chief Smith includes the puppets Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau, addressed a call for a cease-fire to the front and announced that the ban on the ZAPU and ZANU liberation organizations in the country was to be lifted.

Spokesman Mphoko told ADN: "The so-called Interim Government makes every attempt to achieve a cease-fire so that it can become active in the territories under our control." With reference to the resignation of the cominister for justice in the puppet government, Byron Hove, news of which became known a few days ago, he added: "At a time when disagreement has openly broken out and the weakness of the internal settlement is becoming apparent, an attempt is being made to spread confusion among the population." The Salisbury regime is trying to isolate the freedom fighters united within the Patriotic Front from the people and weaken them. The long-term purpose of these tactics is to push the representatives of the people of Zimbabwe into the position of a political minority and thereby prevent authentic independence.

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U.S. INTEREST IN TRADE--Representatives of major U.S. industrial enterprises and banks voiced their interest in expanding trade and cooperation with the GDR in the field of science and technology at an event organized by the influential East-West Trade Council on Friday in Washington. The committee of the council's directors had invited GDR Ambassador Prof Dr Rolf Sieber to speak about selected aspects of GDR-U.S. relations in the fields of the economy, science and technology and culture. Professor Sieber pointed out that days highlighting the GDR economy will be held in mid-May in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago will constitute an important step to establish developed economic relations between the two states on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, equality of rights and mutual advantage. [East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German 29-30 Apr 78 p 2 AU]

CULTURAL COOPERATION WITH PDRY--Aden (ADN)--A protocol on the establishment of a German language lectorate [lektorat] in Aden has been signed at the conclusion of a several-day visit of Prof Hans-Joachim Boehme, GDR minister of university and technical school matters, to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen [PDRY]. The lectorate, for which the GDR will supply lecturers and teaching materials, is to primarily serve the linguistic preparation of PDRY students who are sent to the GDR for basic and advanced training. Professor Boehme's visit to the PDRY served the further deepening of the cultural and scientific cooperation between the two countries--especially in the field of university and technical school matter. [Text] [East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND 21 Apr 78 p 2 AU]

MARTINIQUE DELEGATION--On Wednesday, Werner Kirchhoff, deputy chairman of the National Council of the GDR National Front, received a delegation of the National Front for the Autonomy of Martinique headed by Roger Dufond, member of the Martinique Communist Party Central Committee Politburo, for a talk. He informed the visitors about the tasks of the National Front in the further shaping of the developed socialist society in the GDR. During their stay in the GDR the guests had acquainted themselves with the life of the GDR working people and the work of the National Front. They paid particular tribute to the dedication of the GDR citizens of all classes and strata to their socialist state and to their solidarity with the peoples struggling for their national and social liberation. The delegation reported on the development in its country and on the struggle of the Martinique people for national autonomy. [East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German 20 Apr 78 p 2 AU]

LAZAR RECEIVES HEAD OF LAOTIAN DELEGATION

LD031858Y Budapest MTI in English 1737 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Budapest, May 3 (MTI)--Gyorgy Lazar, member of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Political Committee and chairman of the Hungarian Council of Ministers, received in his office on Wednesday Sanan Soutthichak, minister of public works, transport and communication of the Laotian People's Democratic Republic, the head of the delegation attending the Budapest meeting of the Hungarian-Laotian cooperation committee. The exchange of views marked by a cordial and friendly atmosphere was attended also by Janos Borbandi, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers.

Trade Agreement Signed

LD032240Y Budapest Domestic Service in Hungarian 2100 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] The Hungarian-Laotion mixed committee has agreed on the work program for technical and scientific cooperation in 1979 and 1980 and defined further tasks. It was stated at the session which ended today that both parties have fulfilled obligations so far. Janos Borbandi and Sanan Soutthichak, leaders of the two delegations, also signed the agreement about trade during the next 3 years and about economic assistance. The leader of the Laotian delegation was received by Premier Gyorgy Lazar.

NATIONALITY TEACHERS CONFERENCE OPENS 2 MAY

LD031216Y Budapest MTI in English 1106 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Budapest, May 2 (MTI)--The education of national minorities in Hungary has come to an important stage of development. In the course of building a developed socialist society who have laid the financial foundations of a more fruitful work in the nationality education including the work of nationality schools, said at the Tuesday opening meeting of the First National Conference of Nationality Teachers Janos Gosztonyi, under secretary for education. [as received] The two-day conference is attended by 210 pedagogues of South Slav, German, Romanian and Slovak nationality schools.

In recent years the requirements for nationality education have increased significantly, the number of pupils in them [as received] has grown and there are more nationality institutions and thus also more teachers. All this has taken place in a period when in the wake of the socialist reorganization of the agriculture and the large-scale industrialization, the regroupment of the population of the national minorities has also speeded up, like the influx of people to industry from agriculture and to town from villages, said the under-secretary and then he pointed out that the quantitative development of the nationality education will be necessary in the future, too, but the further raising of the standard of the work will be the major task of the coming period. It is of decisive importance that in the forthcoming years the role of the mother tongue should increase, and the popularization and respect of the traditions as well as the training for a healthy nationality consciousness should become more effective as parts of the complex process of a more effective ideological, moral and political education.

The importance of the talks is underlined by the fact that the whole Hungarian public education is being reformed like the schools of national minorities. From the end of the decade onwards also in the nationality schools the pupils learn according to new curricula, lesson plans and according to schemes for training outside school.

In 1968 22,300 children and pupils were learning in nationality kindergartens, general and secondary schools and their number at present is nearly 37,000, said, after the opening address, Ferenc Stark, the secretary of the Nationality Education Committee. During this time the number of nationality kindergartens trebled, the number of children grew 4.4 times and that of teachers fivefold.

The secretary of the Nationality Education Committee called the attention to the fact that many fields of the social and economic life require specialists speaking languages and nationality schools might play a much more important role than so far to meet this demand. The talks continue on Wednesday with meetings of nationality sections.

PARTY HISTORY DELEGATION RETURNS FROM VIETNAM

LD0311502 Budapest MTI in English 1104 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Budapest, 2 May (MTI)--The delegation of the Party History Institute of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Central Committee headed by Deputy Director Andras Zsilak who had paid a 10-day visit to Hanoi at the invitation of the Party History Committee of the Vietnamese Communist Party CC, returned to Hungary. The delegation were received by Xuan Thuy, secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party CC.

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FIRST QUARTER ECONOMIC STATISTICS--Budapest, 3 May (MTI)--According to a report of the Hungarian Central Bureau of Statistics socialist industry dynamically increased production in the March quarter of this year. The growth rate was faster than last year's. A greater than average production growth was recorded in the electric energy, machine, building material and chemical industries. The production increase in the socialist industry was entirely due to a rise in productivity. The cattle stock of the country amounted to 2,020,000 animals by March 31, 1978. The figure is 60,000 higher than in the same period in 1977. The share of large agricultural farms and cooperatives has grown, and the stocks of private and other farms went back slightly in comparison to the previous years. The population pocketed 9.2 percent more of central resources than in the first quarter of 1977. Taking into account a 4.1 percent rise in retail prices, the volume of retail sales rose by 4.8 percent. Within this the sales of foods and consumer products went up by 3.9 percent, and 4.0 percent more clothing articles accounted for 113,700 million forints at the end of March, 1978--the figure was 6,200 million higher than at the end of 1977. Investment appropriations in the socialist sector exceeded by 9.5 percent in January-March the corresponding figure a year ago. [Budapest MTI in English 1025 GMT 3 May 78 LD]

ELECTRICITY EXCHANGE WITH AUSTRIA--Budapest, 3 May, (MTI)--Dr Wilhelm Erbacker, general director of the Austrian electricity company (Oesterreichische Elektrizitaetswirtschafts AG), and Janos Schiller, general director of the Hungarian electricity works trust (MVT), signed a contract Wednesday in Budapest prolonging the Hungarian-Austrian electricity exchange agreement by 5 years. Power exchange between the two countries began 10 years back. In the beginning, Austria delivered 214 million kilowatt/hours annually during the summer period in return for which Hungary supplied 175 million kilowatt/hours between October and March during low-consumption periods of nights and week-ends. The volume of deliveries by Austria has shot up to 252 kwh annually since 1970, while the amount of the return supply from Hungary went up to 205 kwh. The deal signed today will prolong the mutual deliveries by further five years. Besides, it stipulates, on a trial basis, 60 percent rise in the exchange for 1978 and 1979. [Excerpt] [Budapest MTI in English 1709 GMT 3 May 78 LD]

CONGOLESE PARTY DELEGATION--Budapest, 3 May (MTI)--At the invitation of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Central Committee, a delegation of the Congolese Labour Party headed by Jean Michel Ebaka, member of the Congolese Labour Party Central Committee and president of the party's Supervisory Committee, arrived in Budapest on Wednesday. [Text] [Budapest MTI in English 1736 GMT 3 May 78 LD]

GHANAIAN MINISTER LEAVES--Budapest, 3 May (MTI)--Dr Gustave Korenteng-Addow, justice minister and attorney-general of the Republic of Ghana, who was paying an official visit to Hungary at the head of a Ghanaian delegation at the invitation of Hungarian Justice Minister Dr Imre Markoja, left Budapest on Wednesday. The Ghanaian visitors studied issues related with law and administration of justice in Hungary and they conducted talks with their hosts about establishing judicial ties between the two countries. [Excerpt] [Budapest MTI in English 1700 GMT 3 May 78 LD]

YEMEN DELEGATION--Budapest, April 28 (MTI)--Invited by the HSWP Central Committee, the delegation of the United Political Organization of the Yemen National Front under Salem Gubran, member of the Central Committee, paid a visit to Hungary between April 23 and 28. The delegation was received by Antal Kovacs, member of the HSWP Central Committee and head of the CC's Industrial, Agricultural and Transport Department. Talks were also held at the Foreign Department of the CC apart from the Industrial, Agricultural and Transport Department. During its stay in Hungary the delegation studied the experiences of party work in the fields of agriculture, and the cooperative movement. The delegation left Budapest on Friday. [Text] [Budapest MTI in English 1020 GMT 29 Apr 78 LD]

RADIO COOPERATION WITH DPRK--A protocol on cooperation for 1978-80 between the Hungarian radio and the DPRK's Central Radio Committee has been signed in Pyongyang. On behalf of Korea, Kim Si hak, member of the Korean Workers Party Central Committee and chairman of the DPRK's Radio and Television Committee, and, on behalf of Hungary, Pyongyang Ambassador Ferenc Szabo initialed the document. [Text] [Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian 28 Apr 78 p 8 AU]

SOVIET ELECTRONICS MINISTER--Soviet Minister of Electronics Industry A. I. Shokin had talks in Budapest between 20 and 28 April with Minister of Metallurgy and Machine Industry Istvan Soltesz and Academician Lenard Pal, chairman of the National Technical Development Committee. They reviewed cooperation between the two countries' enterprises producing electronic equipment and their research institutes. The Soviet delegation visited a few Hungarian factories. The minister was received by Gyula Szeker, deputy chairman of the government. [Text] [Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian 29 Apr 78 p 5 AU]

DELEGATION TO ADDIS ABABA--A delegation led by Bela Molnar, secretary of the National PPF Council and deputy chairman of the Hungarian Solidarity Committee, departed for Addis Ababa on Wednesday. It will participate in consultations in preparation for an international solidarity conference to be held this autumn in the Ethiopian capital in support of the peoples struggling for their liberty and independence of the African Continent. [Text] [Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian 27 Apr 78 p 8 AU]

OLSZEWSKI, ALGERIAN MINISTER CHAIR JOINT COMMISSION

LD022144Y Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 2 May 78 LD

[Text] The current session of the joint Algerian-Polish commission started this afternoon in Warsaw chaired jointly by Abdelmadjid Aouchiche, Algerian minister of housing and construction and Jerzy Olszewski, Polish minister of foreign trade and maritime economy. Algerian Ambassador to Poland Ali Abdelaoui was also present.

In his opening speech the Polish minister emphasized the importance his government gives to cooperation between Algeria and Poland and expressed his delegation's determination to boost relations between the two countries.

In his answer Mr Aouchiche said these relations drew their strength from the (?profound wish) of the peoples for emancipation and expressed his conviction that, taking into account the desires of the two parties, the session would give a renewed impulse to these relations in order to adjust them to current requirements, (?in accordance) with the aspirations of the two peoples and the need to further strengthen the progressive front against imperialism, colonialism and apartheid.

After expressing the satisfaction of the Algerian Government over the development of cooperation between the two countries the minister then dealt with trade relations. He was happy to note an important growth in trade since 1973.

BURTICA RECEIVES FRENCH TRADE OFFICIAL

AU032041Y Bucharest AGERPRES in English 1925 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Bucharest, AGERPRES, 3/5/1978 -Cornel Burtica, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign trade and international economic cooperation of Romania, received on May 3 Carron de la Carriere, director general, the Ministry of Foreign Trade of France, vice-chairman for France of the Joint Romanian-French government commission of economic cooperation.

Problems pertaining to the development of the Romanian-French commercial exchanges and economic cooperation were broached on the occasion.

DALEA RECEIVES SINGAPORE PARTY OFFICIAL

AU032042Y Bucharest AGERPRES in English 1930 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Bucharest, AGERPRES, 3/5/1978--Mihai Dalea, alternate member of the Executive Political Committee of the C.C. of the R.C.P., vice-chairman of the National Council of the Socialist Unity Front; and Tamara Dobrin, vice-chairman of the S.U.F. National Council, met Dr Toh Chin Chye, chairman of the People's Action Party of Singapore, who pays a visit of friendship to this country at the invitation of the S.U.F. National Council.

The talk on the occasion covered problems pertaining to the further development of relations between the People's Action Party and the Socialist Unity Front, between Romania and Singapore, as well as to aspects of the international life.

The same day, Dr Toh Chih Chye saw round industrial units of Bucharest and had an interview with Nicolae Nicolaescu, minister of health.

TURKISH TRADE MINISTER ARRIVES IN BUCHAREST

AU032040Y Bucharest AGERPRES in English 1933 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Bucharest, AGERPRES, 3/5/1978--Teoman Koprululer, minister of commerce of Turkey, arrived in Bucharest on May 3 to visit Romania and attend the inauguration of "Tibco '78" spring international fair and the second international chemistry show at the invitation of Cornel Burtica, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign trade and international economic cooperation.

GIOSAN RECEIVES FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS 3 MAY

AU032027Y Bucharest AGERPRES in English 1918 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Bucharest, AGERPRES, 3/4/1978--Nicolae Giosan, chairman of the Grand National Assembly of Romania, received on May 3 the delegation of the Commission for Labour, Health and Social Insurance of the North Rhine-Westphalia Land Diet, led by Konrad Grundmann, chairman of the commission, former state minister, who is visiting Romania.

Both sides expressed satisfaction at the upward course of the Romanian-West German relations, and of the parliamentary links in particular, as well as the conviction that these relations will develop further on to the interst of the two peoples, of the cause of collaboration and peace in Europe and all over the world.

The same day, the West-German guests had a meeting with the C.N.A. Commission for Health, Labour, Social Insurance and Environment Protection.

DELEGATION HEAD ADDRESSES VIENNA CONFERENCE

AU0320200Y Bucharest AGERPRES in English 1915 GMT 3 May 78 AU

[Text] Vienna, AGERPRES, 3/5/1978--Speaking within the third interparliamentary conference on security and cooperation in Europe, taking place in Vienna, the head of the Romanian delegation Ioder Dragunu, underlined the special importance Romania attaches to the problems of security and cooperation in Europe, [and] to the integral fulfillment of the provisions of the Helsinki final act. Special attention should be paid to military disengagement and disarmament, to nuclear disarmament primarily, which claims for the priority tackling of this problem within the conference. He also stressed the need for the abolition of the protectionist practices, of all obstacles and barriers in the way of inter-European trade, for the promotion of cooperation in culture, education, science and information.

The conference should firmly declare for the continuation of the course towards detente, with the parliaments and the parliamentarians being called upon to make their constructive contribution on this line, by virtue of the responsibilities incumbent on them to their peoples, influencing the respective governments to take concrete measures apt to encourage European collaboration in all domains; especially in the responsible examination of the problems of a military nature, the head of the Romanian delegation stressed.

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DEPARTING ENVOY--Warm greetings and wishes for health and happiness, as well as wishes for prosperity and well-being to the Romanian people were extended by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark when she received the ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Gheorghe Ploesteanu. During the ensuing talk, the Danish sovereign stressed President Nicolae Ceausescu's great personality and his special contribution to promoting a policy of understanding and peace in the world. The Romanian ambassador was received at the end of his mission to Denmark. [Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian 1700 GMT 3 May 78 AU]

PLO'S QADDUMI, ABU MAYZAR ARRIVE FOR VISIT

LD031523Y Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian 1439 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Summary] Belgrade--Faruq Qaddumi, head of the Political Department of the PLO, arrived in Yugoslavia today. He is accompanied by Abu Mayzar, member of the PLO Executive Committee. Immediately on his arrival, Qaddumi gave a brief statement to TANJUG's diplomatic editor in which he stressed that "during his stay in Yugoslavia he would carry out a broad exchange of views with Yugoslav friends." Qaddumi stressed that the main subjects of the talks would include the latest events in the Middle East and the forthcoming nonalined meetings. Faruq Qaddumi added that he will also report on the results of the recent ministerial conference of Islamic countries in Senegal.

Report on Talks

LD032114Y Belgrade TANJUG in English 1801 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Belgrade, May 3, (TANJUG)--Under Secretary in the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs Budimir Loncar this afternoon started talks with PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi soon after the latter arrived on a visit to Yugoslavia.

The talks are expected to include questions related to the latest developments in the Middle East, the non-aligned activities within preparations for their coming meetings and other topical issues of common interest.

NAUMANN-LED SED DELEGATION ARRIVES IN BELGRADE

LD031909Y Belgrade TANJUG in English 1625 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Belgrade, May 3, (TANJUG)--A Berlin district committee delegation of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany arrived here today as guest of the League of Communists of Belgrade city conference. The delegation is headed by Konrad Naumann, Central Committee Politbureau member and Berlin District Committee (?first) secretary of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

During the visit to Belgrade, the delegation will learn of the most important activities of the League of Communists of Belgrade and the Belgrade City Assembly, and will visit several work organizations, cultural centres and neighbourhood communities.

Talks Begin

LD032134Y Belgrade TANJUG in English 1918 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Text] Belgrade, May 3 (TANJUG)--In the City Committee of the League of Communists of Belgrade talks were held today with Berlin District Committee delegation of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. The Berlin delegation was headed by Konrad Naumann, Central Committee Politbureau member and Berlin District Committee first secretary of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

Dusan Gligorijevic, president of the city conference of the League of Communists of Belgrade, acquainted the Berlin delegation with current political tasks of the League of Communists of Belgrade within preparations for 8th Congress of the League of Communists of Serbia and 11th Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia.

The Berlin delegation was also acquainted with the implementation of the constitution and the law on associated labour, the role and practices of the basic organizations of the League of Communists, the development of self-management socio-economic relations, the functioning of the delegate system and the contents and forms of the ideological-political and Marxist education.

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Talks With Sefer

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[Text] Belgrade, May 3 (TANJUG)--In the talk today between Yugoslav Federal Executive Council Vice President Berislav Sefer and Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade of the People's Republic of China Yua Cheng-wang [name as received] it was underlined that bilateral trade has considerably increased thereby contributing to the further broadening of friendly Yugoslav-Chinese relations. Yua Cheng-wang is heading the Chinese delegation to the third session here of the Yugoslav-Chinese Mixed Committee for Trade.

The further expansion of the volume of bilateral trade, with a view to realizing the earlier agreement on doubling the volume of trade in 1978, was discussed at the session. That the goal is realistic is evident from the fact that in the first three months this year, in comparison with the same period last year, the increase was greater than predicted, and that the assortment this year includes new items, such as tractors, combine harvesters and other agricultural machines.

Delegation's Activities

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[Text] Belgrade, May 3 (TANJUG)--The head of the visiting Chinese delegation [words indistinct] First Minister of Mechanical Industry Chi Tian [name as received] today informed Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council Dr Berislav Sefer that her delegation has been acquainted with the possibilities of concrete Sino-Yugoslav cooperation in the transfer of technique and technology. The delegation has toured about thirty economic organizations in all constituent republics studying Yugoslavia's experience in this field.

Both sides stressed the existing wide possibilities for Yugoslav-Chinese cooperation in the field of technique and technology transfers. Also, China will be able to use some of Yugoslavia's experiences in developing its own engineering industry.

Some of the products of Yugoslavia's engineering industry in which the Chinese side was interested have already been included in this year's commodity lists. Discussions on further cooperation in this field will continue as part of the exchange of experts between the two countries.

PRESIDENT TITO SENDS MESSAGES TO POPE, JAPAN'S HIROHITO

Message to Vatican

Belgrade TANJUG in Serbo-Croatian 1155 GMT 28 Apr 78 LD

[Text] Vatican--Zdenko Svete, SFRY ambassador to the Holy See, today forwarded to Giuseppe Capri, Vatican deputy secretary of state, a message from the president of the SFRY, Josip Broz Tito, to Pope Paul VI in connection with topical international political developments and efforts of the nonalined countries to strengthen peace and build more just economic and political relations in the world.

Message to Hirohito

Belgrade TANJUG in English 1310 GMT 28 Apr 78 LD

[Text]--Belgrade, April 28, (TANJUG)--President of Yugoslavia Josip Broz Tito has addressed birthday felicitations to Hirohito, the emperor of Japan.

NEW CROATIAN TRADE UNION PRESIDENT ELECTED

LD032115Y Zagreb Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian 1800 GMT 3 May 78 LD

[Excerpts] A session of the council of the Trade Union Federation of Croatia was held in Zagreb this afternoon. The participants in the plenary session decided that the fifth congress of Croatian trade unions will be held from 6 to 8 November this year. Members of the council also elected unanimously Vlado Mihaljevic new president of the Council of the Trade Union Federation of our republic. Klara Damjanovic reports:

Stipe Tonkovic, vice president of the council, spoke today on the preparations for the Fifth Congress of the Croatian Trade Union Federation. He stressed that the congress will analyze what has been done and everything positive and also the causes of stagnation in development, plan trade union action in the next period and determine the forms and methods of activity of this working class organization, which is a section of the subjective social forces constitutionally responsible for the most essential issues of socioeconomic development and the building up of the system of self-managing democracy.

The council's plenary session, in which Mika Spiljak, president of the Council of the Trade Union Federation of Yugoslavia, also took part, elected Vlado Mihaljevic, a sociopolitical worker for many years and chairman of the republican committee of the trade union of workers in metal production and processing, the new president of the Council of the Croatian Trade Union Federation.

Nikola Segota bid farewell to Nikola Baltic, the current president, who is leaving for another post, with warm and comradely words. He thanked him for his comprehensive activity in Croatia's trade unions, which Milutin Baltic led for a number of years, including the period in which self-management stagnated and in which liberalist, nationalistic and bureaucratic tendencies in our society strengthened. At that time, however, the trade unions withstood all pressures and remained consistent in the struggle for self-management and socialism. Comrade Baltic is assuming the post of secretary of the Central Committee of the League of Communists of Croatia; as a communist and party and social worker, he will continue to work on the same tasks which face the trade unions, Nikola Segota said among other things in saying farewell to the present president of the Council of the Trade Union Federation of Croatia.

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